

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions/listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (currently amended) An elastic article comprising

- a. an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of enzyme, ~~surfactant, brightener, dye, suds suppressor, bleach, bleach activator, fabric softener, fabric conditioner, antibacterial agent, effervescence system, fabric care ingredient, pharmaceutical ingredient, cosmetic ingredient,~~ and mixtures thereof; and
- b. a foam matrix formed from at least one polymeric material and a plasticiser; and
- c. a stabilizing agent;

wherein said article is adapted to deliver said active ingredient to an aqueous environment.

17. (currently amended) The elastic article according to claim 16, ~~wherein~~ wherein said article is water-dispersible, water-disintegrating or water-soluble.

18. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16, wherein said matrix has a glass transition temperature (T_g) of below about 50°C.

19. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16, wherein said matrix has an elastic modulus of less than about 1 GN.m⁻².

20. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16, wherein said stabilizing agent comprises a foam stabilizing agent.

21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16, wherein said active ingredient comprises an enzyme and wherein said stabilizing agent comprising an enzyme stabilizing agent.

23. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16, wherein said polymeric material comprises a water-soluble polymer.

24. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16 wherein said article is in the form of a particle having a volume mean particle size of from about 50 to about 4000 microns.

25. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16, wherein said article has a relative density of from about 0.05 to about 0.9.

26. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 16, wherein said matrix forms a series of closed cells and open cells, wherein the ratio of closed cells to open cells is at least 1 to 1.

27-28 (canceled)

29. (currently amended) A method of delivering the elastic article of claim 16, said method comprising the step of delivering said active ingredient to an aqueous environment, ~~and~~ wherein said aqueous environment is wash water.

30-31. (canceled)

32. (previously presented) An elastic article comprising

- a. an active ingredient; and
- b. a foam matrix formed from at least one polymeric material and a plasticiser; and
- c. a stabilizing agent;

wherein said article is in the form of a particle having a mean particle size of from about 50 to about 4000 microns and is adapted to deliver said active ingredient to an aqueous environment.

33. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 32, wherein said article is water-dispersible, water-disintegrating or water-soluble.

34. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 32, wherein said matrix has an elastic modulus of less than about 1 GN.m^{-2} .

35. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 32, wherein said polymeric material comprises a water-soluble polymer.

36. (presently amended) The elastic article according to claim 32, wherein said active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of enzyme, ~~surfactant, brightener, dye, suds suppressor,~~ bleach,

~~bleach activator, fabric softener, fabric conditioner, antibacterial agent, effervescent system, fabric care ingredient, pharmaceutical ingredient, cosmetic ingredient, and mixtures thereof.~~

37. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 32, wherein said stabilizing agent comprises a foam stabilizing agent.

38. (previously presented) The elastic article according to claim 32, wherein said active ingredient comprises an enzyme and wherein said stabilizing agent comprising an enzyme stabilizing agent.

39-40 (canceled)

41-44 (withdrawn)